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To whom it may concern:

I am writing regarding Docket #99D-0557, in order to urge that xenotransplant research be halted.

Xenotransplantation poses a clear and ominous danger to human health because of the ~~clear~~ risk of inter-species virus transmission. (It is becoming ever and ever clearer that this is probably how the AIDS virus entered the human population from chimpanzees in Africa). Whether primates, pigs, or another animal is used is irrelevant, because any other species' virus could infect people. Xenotransplantation is frankly not even necessary; the time, money, and effort expended should be directed at other alternatives -- such as organ donation, which, if more people simply offered their organs, would provide us with all the transplant organs needed.

In January of this year, the Council Of Europe acted to recommend a worldwide ban on xenotransplants. In this case, I hope we will decide to follow their sensible lead.

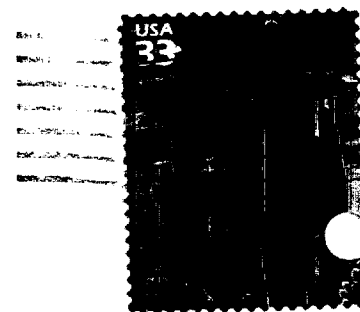
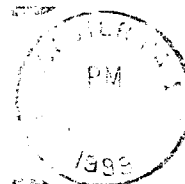
  
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